

REMARKS

The present Supplemental Amendment amends claim 21, leaves claims 22-24 unchanged and adds new claims 25-27. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 21-27.

The present Supplemental Amendment is supplemental to the October 9, 2007 Amendment and is being presented to amend claim 21 and add new claims 25-27. Amended claim 21 and new claims 25-27 recite many of the same features already argued in the October 9, 2007 Amendment as not being taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other.

Particularly, it was argued in the Remarks of the October 9, 2007 Amendment that the features recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by Murray (U.S. Patent No. 7,007,048), Wong (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0051955), Bruning (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0035667), Kanellos (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0236788) and Oliveira (U.S. Patent No. 6,766,359) whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. The arguments as set forth the Remarks of the October 9, 2007 Amendment are incorporated herein by reference.

Additional features of the present invention as now recited in amended claim 21 includes that the first controller provides the first file system and the second file system to the computer and that a second controller provided in the first storage system controls input/output operations to/from the second storage system with location of data related to the second file system.

In addition, amended claim 21 now recites that the second storage system includes a second storage device which stores data related to the second file system and a third controller, connected to the second controller, for controlling the second storage device. According to the present invention as now recited in amended claim 21, the first controller mounts a root directory of the second file system at a mount point in the first storage system such that the first and second file systems are provided to the computer as a single directory tree and the second controller accesses to the second storage system with a command and the location where the data is stored in the second storage device.

The above described addition features as now recited in amended claim 21 are not taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other. Particularly, these additional features as recited in amended claim 21 are not taught or suggested by Murray, Wong, Bruning, Kanellos and Oliviera whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other.

The present Amendment also adds additional claims 25-27. New claims 25-27 depend from amended claim 21 and as such are patentable over the prior art of record for the same reasons as argued with respect to amended claim 21.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 21-27 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 21-27 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43772X00).

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C.

CIB/jdc
(703) 684-1120



Carl I. Brundidge
Registration No. 29,621